

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

Unfortunately the FCC has become a puppet for big media owners/companies at the expense of taxpayers. The age of media dictatorship is upon us and once again our government doesn't realize what is happening and is not prepared to defend the ideals behind freedom of speech and the press. We must be vigilant and not let big media dictate how we should think and feel. The media should only present us with the facts and let us form our own thoughts and make our own decisions.